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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BISTA

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1. REGRET BUT UNDERSTAND SITUATION WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRIME MINISTER BISTA TO SEE PRESIDENT DURING SSOD. NEWS WILL OF COURSE COME AS GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO PRIME MINISTER AND GON, AND WE HOPE THAT SMALL BUT FRIENDLY COUNTRY LIKE NEPAL WHICH CAN BE HELPFUL TO U.S. INTERESTS (E.G. CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL AND DECISIVE ACTION ON NARCOTICS FRONT) WILL BEFORE TOO LONG HAVE ITS DAY IN COURT.

2. BEFORE CONVEYING SUBSTANCE OF REFTELS TO PRIME MINISTER, BELIEVE THERE IS ONE FURTHER POINT THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE BOOKS ON THIS ONE.

3. AS SEEN FROM HERE, A DECISION AGAINST BISTA SEEING PRESIDENT IN EFFECT FORECLOSES ANY MEETING BETWEEN B.P. KOIRALA AND PRESIDENT OR RANKING OFFICIAL IN WHITE HOUSE. WE CAN NOT VERY WELL SAY NO TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND LATER SAY YES TO NEPALESE CITIZEN WHO HOLDS NO OFFICIAL
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POSITION AND WHO STILL FACES CRIMINAL CHARGES IN A NEPALESE COURT.

4. APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN WE MIGHT HAVE DECISION REGARDING APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY AS IT WOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY IN CONVEYING MESSAGE IN REFTELS TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER THAT SECRETARY

LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIM.
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